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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT  
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MR. SCOTT R. DEVORE  
1945 GLENVIEW DRIVE  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89134-6103

RE: SBA RECYCLING FIRE & SPILL  
FPN: E19902

Dear Mr. Scott:

Our records indicate that the a fuel tanker located on your property on W. Slauson Avenue has been identified as the source of a pollution incident that occurred on or about Monday, March 17, 2019 at the SBA Recycling facility in Los Angeles, CA. The incident resulted after the fuel tanker was involved in a fire which resulted in its discharging gasoline into the waters of the US. Owners and operators of facilities that either pose a substantial threat of a discharge of oil or are the source of an oil discharge into navigable waters of the United States (unless they can establish a defense to liability) are liable for Federal removal costs and damages as specified in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 USC 2701 et seq).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency responded to this incident and could incur costs of approximately \$100,000.00 as of the date of this letter. Our records also indicate that you were the owner and/or operator of the facility at the time of the incident. If so, you may be liable as a responsible party for the resulting removal costs and damages. This is a completely separate process from any fines or penalties that may have resulted from the incident. If you have insurance that covers such pollution costs, you may want to provide a copy of this letter to your insurer.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss any of the following:

- If you are not the owner/operator of the vessel/facility
- If you are the owner or operator but believe a third party caused the incident, or are claiming any other defense to liability
- Government costs specific to this incident
- Payment options
- How and where to send payment

***This is a serious matter and deserves your prompt attention.*** If you do not communicate and work with us to resolve the matter, we may forward the case to the Department of Justice for potential litigation. If we determine you have a debt to the United States we may forward any unpaid debt to the Department of Treasury's Debt Management Services (DMS) for collection. DMS charges additional fees for their collection efforts and can withhold income from tax refunds, social security benefits, salaries and retirement benefits of federal employees, and vendor or contractor payments.

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If you have any questions, you may contact me at the National Pollution Funds Center, at 202-795-6071 or 1-800-358-2897 or by email. If you write me, please include the Federal Project Number E19902 on all correspondence to ensure a timely resolution in this matter. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
**BOES.RICHARD.**  
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RICHARD R. BOES  
Case Officer  
U.S. Coast Guard

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